
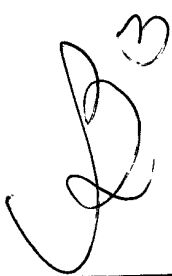



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19. A composite material as claimed in claim 1, in which the porous membrane is expanded polytetrafluoroethylene.
20. A composite material as claimed in claim 1, in which the substrate comprises the porous membrane and a coating of a water-vapour-permeable hydrophilic polymer and to which coating the dots are secured.

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28. A garment formed of a composite material comprising
- (a) a water-resistant, water-vapour-permeable, flexible porous membrane substrate having a first and second side;
 - (b) a fabric secured to said first side of the substrate; and
 - (c) a plurality of discrete abrasion-resisting polymeric dots forming a discontinuous lining-forming pattern over the surface of said second side of the substrate and which dots resist abrasion of the flexible substrate.

Please cancel claim 18 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter claimed therein.

Please add new claims 58-61 as follows:

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58. A composite material as claimed in claim 27, in which the abrasion resistance of the composite material is at least 4 times the abrasion resistance of the flexible substrate alone.
59. A composite material as claimed in claim 58, in which the abrasion resistance of the composite material is at least 10 times the abrasion resistance of the flexible substrate alone.
60. A garment as claimed in claim 29, wherein the garment further contains stitched seams.
61. A garment as claimed in claim 60, wherein the stitched seams are sealed to prevent liquid water from entering through the stitched seams by applying a tape over the stitched seams.